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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN, USIB****SUBJECT : COMINT Organizational Directives****REFERENCE : National Security Council Intelligence Directive No. 6**

In further answer to the questions concerning the Army Security Agency which you raised at yesterday's pre-USIB briefing, the organizational relationships in the COMINT and ELINT fields are generally prescribed in National Security Council Intelligence Directive (NSCID) No. 6, the main provisions of which are briefly:

a. The Secretary of Defense is executive agent of the Government for the conduct of COMINT and ELINT activities in accordance with NSCID No. 6, and for the maintenance and operation of the National Security Agency (NSA).

b. The COMINT and ELINT missions of NSA are to provide an effective, unified organization and control of COMINT and ELINT intercept and processing activities, to provide for integrated operational policy and procedures and to produce COMINT and ELINT information in accordance with objectives, requirements and priorities established by the USIB. In accomplishing these missions, all COMINT and ELINT intercept and processing activities are under the operational and technical control of the Director, NSA.

c. The Military Departments are responsible for the establishment, maintenance, operation and administration of COMINT and ELINT intercept and processing facilities as authorized and

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directed by the Secretary of Defense, subject to the provisions of b. above. For this purpose, there are three service cryptologic agencies: Army Security Agency, Naval Security Group and the Air Force Security Service.

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e. The provisions of NSCID No. 6 are not applicable to intercept and processing activities [redacted] undertaken under NSCID No. 5 by CIA or the Military Departments, when specifically excepted by the DCI. The intercept and processing activities undertaken by the FBI in the internal security field are also excepted from the provisions of NSCID No. 6.

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Executive Secretary USIB

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